

GUSTAF AND LOUISE JACOBSON JOHNSON

Gustaf Johnson was born July 23, 1821, in the county of Wester Gotland, Sweden, the third child of a family of five. His father died when he was very young. He was apprenticed to learn the shoemaking trade and went from village to village making boots and shoes. He became very proficient. He received his education at night schools. At 21 he was employed at a regular shoe shop in Ulricehamn, where he soon received a certificate of master mechanic. At 24 he established a shop of his own, having six to eight workmen employed at one time.

In 1845 he married Louise Jacobsen. Louise was born March 25, 1815, in Ulricehamn. Her father was a mason by trade.

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He was killed in an accident while finishing a house when a ladder broke, causing him to fall headfirst onto a rock. He was 32 years old and left a wife and two children, seven and five years old, respectively. His wife took to spinning and weaving for a livelihood. She married her former husband's brother, who also died in a few years. Louise baked all kinds of breadstuffs and sold to a bakery to help out.

Louise heard the LDS gospel first while strolling in the park. Her mother and Louise and her family all joined the Church. Their relatives were very bitter about it and their friends shunned them, so they decided it was best to sell their belongings at a loss and go to America. They left in April, 1862. Their daughter Sophia was 13 years old and Eda an infant seven months old when they came in a sailing vessel. Louise and Eda were very ill during the crossing. After their arrival they went to Florence, Nebraska, and waited for the wagon trains to arrive from Salt Lake to take them to Zion.

Eda and her mother rode most of the way because they were ill, but her father and sister Sophia walked the entire distance. After a five-month journey they arrived in Salt Lake and were among the first to live in a tent on the old square where the City and County Building now stands. Here "Uncle" Nymphus Murdock found them and took them to his home, where they were treated as members of the family during the winter of 1862-63. Gustaf made shoes for the family and Louise spun and wove. Sophia learned to speak English, so could translate to her family what was being said.

At that time, Joseph S. Murdock, Nymphus' brother, was acting bishop in Heber Valley, so he persuaded the Johnsons to move to Heber in the spring of 1863, where a shoemaker was badly needed. He became associated with John Muir and others in establishing a cooperative tannery and shoe shop, where shoes for the community were manufactured until mercantile stores were established where shoes could be purchased cheaper. Even then many people were willing to pay the higher prices for hand-made shoes and boots.

Louise worked hard, too, in making a living for the family. She carded, spun and

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wove for the George W. Clyde family and others, receiving food supplies for her work. She received three sheep this way to get a start of a few head which John M. Murdock managed in the co-op herd.

When Abram Hatch was made president of Wasatch Stake in 1877, Gustaf was ordained to act as a high councilman, a position he held until President Hatch was released, and then he was set apart by Apostle Francis Lyman to act as bishop of Scandinavians. Many persons from Sweden and Denmark had moved into the valley. He was to look after their wants and amusements and hold Swedish gospel meetings every Sunday. By now he could speak English quite well.

Margaret Muir was president of Relief Society and she gave Gustaf permission to hold these meetings and entertainments in their meeting house, which had two rooms, one upstairs and one down. Louise was treasurer of the East Ward Relief Society at this time. She did all the janitor work with the help of some young people when they cleaned the room for dances. Eda said: "My parents were great dancers in their native land, so they had not been here long before Henry Walker started a dancing school, which they attended and learned all the English dances."

Father had the first Christmas tree in Heber. I think Nels Anderson brought the tree down from the canyon and put it in the Relief Society hall. I went to Joseph Hatch, who was the head clerk in Hatch's store, and asked him if he could get me some colored paper for the tree. He also gave me some stick candy to put on the tree. I then went to President Hatch, as I felt at home there, and he gave me some nice red apples from his farm at Lehi. Mother and I made all the candles for the tree. Some of my girl friends and I made paper baskets and other ornaments until late at night, which the men and boys put on the tree. After Christmas all these decorations were stored away for another year and the candy and apples were given to the children.

Gustaf was one of the men who stood guard during the Black Hawk War under Captain Thomas Todd. He died on December 14, 1910. Louise died on December 25, 1907.

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Music directors who served with Bishop Crook and his counselors included George Harbour, Robert McKnight, Robert Lambert, William J. Bond and Frank Hardy, choristers and Florence Fisher (Hicken), organist.

Other leaders with Bishop Crook included:

RELIEF SOCIETY: Johannah E. Jensen, president; Sophia Elizabeth Hicken, first counselor; Marion J. Campbell, second counselor; Maria C. Giles, secretary and Malinda Mahoney, treasurer. This organization served until December 31, 1930, within a few months of the entire term of Bishop Crook. The new presidency then sustained included Elizabeth Wootton, president; Rhoda Ohlweiler, first counselor; Minnie Crook, second counselor and Bessie Hicken, secretary.

PRIMARY: Amelia C. Montgomery, president; Mary Ann Cummings and Martha Jones, counselors; Lizzie Murray, secretary until 1910

Facts About Isabrand Sander:

See EGs
4th Qtr of Third Ward ^{From 4 Nov 1945} to 12 Nov 1950)
He was oil distributor in Heber
for Standard of California till
Blondyn Evans took over
His bulk plant was west of
the old Heber Creeper R.R. yard.

References: 1. Tel. & pers. interviews
2. EA Jacobsen 4-16-90 &
HBM pp 132-7, 62

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YVONIA: Ruby P. Hicken, president; Thelma Wootton, Marion Bayne and later Merlene Simmons, counselors and Dorothy Turner, secretary.



Florence Fisher Hicken in a picture taken on her 17th birthday. For 46 years she served as Third Ward organist. This was during the ward's first four bishops.

During Bishop Sander's term of office, Florence F. Hicken completed 40 years as ward organist. Margaret Murdock was sustained in her place, followed shortly by Veneta Cowley. During the years a prominent Third Ward musical group was a male quartet composed of Livingston C. Montgomery, Jowett Portie, William J. Bond and Ben Roberts, who furnished appropriate music for many church services, civic meetings, funerals, weddings and other events. Choristers of the ward choir during this time were Lloyd Venn and Frank Hardy.

Succeeding Bishop Sander as the fifth bishop of the ward was Francis Cowley who was sustained on November 12, 1950. Counselors to him were Ray J. Berg and Horace K. Walker. Clerks were Jimmy Patterson and Ralph Brandt. Later Horace Walker became first counselor and Gordon Mendenhall and Cyril Hicken served at different times as second counselors.

Leadership in the ward under Bishop Cowley included the following:

RELIEF SOCIETY: Elma Tadd, president with Jessie Bronson and Vera Anderson as counselors and May Calderwood, secretary.

PRIMARY: New officers installed May 20, 1951 were Ella Yates, president; Lola Berg and C. Manila Nicol, counselors and Deon McKnight, secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Cyril Hicken, superintendent, Leslie Bethers and Keith Teane, assistants.

MIA: Reginald Tadd, superintendent, with Cyril Hicken and John Fretwell, assistants; Elaine DeGraff Walker, president and Marlon C. Bayne and Gladys Blackley, counselors, followed by Nelda Lee, Fern Peterson, Hilma Patterson.

The ward's present bishop, Ray J. Berg, was sustained on Feb. 6, 1955, and chose as his counselors Cyril M. Hicken and Reginald Tadd. Clerks are Ralph Brandt and Arthur Young. Two major events thus far